Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Minorities on 15.06.1999. No time can be specified as proposals are received from time to time and processed in accordance with prescribed procedure.

Increase in Number of Beggars

1185. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of beggars are increasing day-by-day in the country;

(b) if so, the details of increase in begging during each of the last five year, category-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether Government propose to formulate any programme to rescue the beggar children from such exploitation and ensure education and protection to them; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) The information on beggars and/or increase in their number is not maintained by this Ministry as the subject is dealt with by the State Government under their respective Anti Beggary Laws. However, according to a report of the Registrar General of India, the total number of beggars in 1991 in the country (except Jammu & Kashmir) was 544048, out of which, number of male Beggars was 333334 and that of famale beggars was 210714. A statement showing the State-wise population of Vagrant, Beggars etc. in the country (except Jammu & Kashmir) is annexed. (*See* below)

(c) and (d) Beggars home under Anti Beggary Law or under any other scheme, are established by the State Governments/UT Administrations. The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has schemes for Street Children and delinquent juveniles which include child beggars for giving grant in aid to State Governments and Non Governmental Organisations for providing Institutional and Non-Institutional basic services for the care, protection, vocational education and development of children facing destitution, neglect, abuse and exploitation.

Statement

STATE-WISE POPULATION OF VAGRANT BEGGARS ETC: 1991 (EXCEPT J&K)

Sl. No.	State	Male	Female	Total
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
1.	Andhra Pradesh	47760	31780	79540
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	29	16	45
3.	Assam	7860	12860	20720
4.	Bihar	16510	10240	26750
5.	Goa	222	302	524
6.	Gujarat	19760	5410	25170
7.	Haryana	5110	1530	6640
8.	Himachal Pradesh	756	258	1014
9.	Karnataka	16880	11470	28350
10.	Kerala	4580	3260	7840
11.	Madhya Pradesh	31440	17750	49190
12.	Maharashtra	25850	11710	37560
13.	Manipur	79	77	156
14.	Meghalaya	173	169	342
15.	Mizoram	28	19	47
16.	Nagaland	83	21	104
17.	Orissa	18190	11050	29240
18.	Punjab	5910	1960	7870
19.	Rajasthan	23070	11290	34360
20.	Sikkim	36	22	58
21.	Tamil Nadu	5650	4560	10210
22.	Tripura	1022	2127	3149
23.	Uttar Pradesh	49670	16940	66610
24.	West Bengal	51360	55270	106630
25.	A & N Island	20	19	39
26.	Chandigarh Admn.	84	37	121
27.	D & N Haveli	3	3	6
28.	Daman & Diu	13	5	8

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
29.	Delhi	942	447	1389
30.	Lakshadweep	0	0	0
31.	Pondicherry	252	114	366
	Total	333334	210714	544048

OBCs from Tamil Nadu in National List

1186. **SHRI S. AGNIRAJ**: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of categories of OBCs recommended by the Tamil Nadu Government for inclusion in the National list of OBCs category alongwith details;

(b) how many of them have been included in this list; and

(c) what are the reasons for not including all the categories recommended?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) The National Commission for Backward Classes examines requests for inclusion of any class of citizens as a backward class in the Central List of OBCs and tenders such advice to the Central Government as it deems appropriate. The Commission has received from the State Government of Tamil Nadu requests for inclusion in the Central List of OBCs for Tamil Nadu in respect of 102 castes/communities (including sub-castes/synonyms), of which 62 are for inclusion by spelling corrections and the remaining 40 for fresh inclusion.

(b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) Those castes/communities (including Sub-Castes/Synonyms) on which advices have been tendered by NCBC for inclusion/amendment in the Central List of OBCs are considered for the same by the Government.